

**COMMUNICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**  
**EXPEDITED PROSECUTION - GROUP ART UNIT 1795**

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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
SHINJI ERITATE ET AL. ) : Examiner: Alix Echelmeyer  
Application No.: 10/559,609 ) : Group Art Unit: 1795  
Int'l Application No. PCT/JP2004/013864 ) : Confirmation No. 1529  
Filed: September 15, 2004 ) :  
For: MEMBRANE ELECTRODE )  
ASSEMBLY, PRODUCTION :  
METHOD FOR THE SAME, AND )  
PROTON-EXCHANGE :  
MEMBRANE FUEL CELL ) September 11, 2008

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

**A. Introductory Comments**

In response to the Office Action dated June 13, 2008 issued in the above-captioned application, please consider the following remarks.